PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

CARBON AND ALLOY SEAMLESS STANDARD, LINE, AND PRESSURE PIPE FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC, JAPAN, MEXICO, ROMANIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA

Return completed questionnaire to:

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Office of Investigations, Room 615 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

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The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its reviews concerning <u>large diameter</u> carbon and alloy seamless standard, line, and pressure pipe from Japan and Mexico (inv. Nos. 731-TA-847-848 (Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Amelia Preece (202-205-3250).

Name of firm

City			Zip code
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	irm purchased <u>large diameter</u> carbon an booklet) from <u>any</u> source (domestic or fe		
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PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 20 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

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PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

production of large diameter CASSLP pipe? No YesList the following information.	
Firm name Address Affiliation	
I-6. In Part III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does yo company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for large diameter CASSLP pipe?	ır
No YesPlease provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.	le
I-7. Please describe the differences and similarities between large diameter CARBON seamless standard, line and pressure pipe and large diameter ALLOY seamless standard, line and pressure pipe with respect to the following factors: (a) characteristics and usesdescribe the differences and similarities in the physical characteristics and end uses; (b) interchangeability discuss the interchangeability in end use of the two products; (c) manufacturing processesdescribe the two processes and include a discussion of the interchangeability of production inputs, machinery and equipment, and skilled labor; (d) channels of distributiondescribe the specific end use/customer requirements and channels of distribution/market situation in which products are sold; (e) customer perceptionsdescribe any perceived differences in the two products (e.g., sales/marketing practices); and (f) priceprovide a discussion and specific examples of prices for the two products. Use additional pages as necessary.	e e
(a) Characteristics and uses:	
(b) Interchangeability:	
(c) Manufacturing processes:	
(c) Manufacturing processes.	

PART IGENERAL QUESTIONS	Contin	ued					
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(d) Channels of distribution:							
(e) Customer and producer percept	ions:						
(f) Price:							
PART II <u>PURCHASES</u> In response to the following question pipe.	ns, pleas	e indicat	e if your	response	es differ	for <u>carbon</u>	and <u>alloy</u>
II-1. Indicate which of the following large diameter carbon season large diameter alloy seam II-2. Report, as indicated below, you broker) of large diameter CAS Purchases of large diameter CARBO	amless stand less stand our firm's SSLP by ON seam	andard line of spurchase type of pi	or pressures (either lipe. Repo	sure pipe re pipe directly ort based e and pr	or throus on deliv	gh a sales ag ery date, not	ent or t order date.
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Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005
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Quantity							
Value							
PRODUCED IN JAPAN:							
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Value							
PRODUCED IN MEXICO:							
Quantity							
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PRODUCED IN ALL OTHER COUNTRIE	ES:1						
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PART II.--PURCHASES-Continued

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Value							
PRODUCED IN JAPAN:	•		•		•		
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PRODUCED IN MEXICO:	•		•	•	•		
Quantity							
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PRODUCED IN ALL OTHER COUNTR	RIES:1		•	•	•		
Quantity							
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II-3. If the relative levels of your firm's purchases of large diameter CASSLP pipe from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since 2000 (the year the antidumping duty orders under review became effective), please list the country, state whether the relative share from that country has increased or decreased, and state the reason.

Country	Increase/decrease	Reason

PART	'II <u>PU</u>	RCHASES-Continued	
II-4.	(a)	Did your firm purchase large diameter CASSLP pipe from Japan or Mexico before 2000	?
		NoSkip to (c) Yes from Japan Yes from Mexico	
	(b)	If yes, has your pattern of large diameter CASSLP pipe from Japan or Mexico changed since 2000?	
		No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.	
		Yes, we discontinued purchases from Japan and/or Mexico because of the orders.	
		Yes, we reduced purchases from Japan and/or Mexico because of the orders.	
		Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from Japan and/or Mexico for reasons other than the orders (please explain below).	
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	(c)	Has your pattern of purchasing large diameter CASSLP pipe from nonsubject foreign sources changed since 2000 (please check all that apply).	
		We did not purchase from nonsubject foreign sources before or after the orders.	
		No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.	
		Yes, we increased purchases from nonsubject countries because of the orders.	
		Yes, but we changed our pattern of purchases from nonsubject countries for reasons other than the orders (please explain below).	
PART	'III <u>M</u>	ARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES	
In resp pipe.	ponse to	the following questions, please indicate if your responses differ for <u>carbon</u> and <u>alloy</u>	
III-1.	Which (check	of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of large diameter CASSLP pipe all that apply, noting the specific end uses if known)?	
	En	ergy producer (_)
		her end user (
		stributor (_)
		her (_)
III-2.	(a) If y types of	your firm is a distributor or reseller of large diameter CASSLP pipe, what are the major of consumers to which you sell large diameter CASSLP pipe?	

diameter CASSI diameter CASSI	LP pipe consumed, the top 3 prod	SLP pipe, list in order of quantity of large ucts for which your firm purchases large put. Please indicate what percentage of the pipe.
Product you pro	oduce Percent of cost ac	counted for by large diameter CASSLP
1	1	
2.		
3	3	
final products in	corporating large diameter CASS	
Increased	ě	
(b) Has this had	any effect on your firm's demand	I for large diameter CASSLP pipe?
□ No	YesDiscuss the changes, no	ting the time period in which they occurre
Do you anticipat future?	e any changes in terms of the end	l uses of large diameter CASSLP pipe in the
No	underlying assumptions	ntify the time period. Provide any, along with relevant portions of business pamentation, that address this issue.
(a) Please list in CASSLP pipe.	order of importance any products	s that may be substituted for large diameter
(1)	(2)	(3)
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III-7.	(c) Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for large diameter CASSLP pipe?
	No Yes-Please explain.
III-8.	Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for large diameter CASSLP pipe since 2000?
	No YesPlease explain.
III-9.	Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for large diameter CASSLP pipe in the future?
	No YesPlease describe. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.
III-10.	How has demand within the United States (and outside the United States, if known) for large diameter CASSLP pipe changed since 2000?
	Increased Unchanged Decreased Other (describe)
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?
III-11.	Do you anticipate any future changes in large diameter CASSLP pipe demand in the United States and, if known, the rest of the world?
	No YesPlease describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

III-12.	Please provide as separate attachments to this request any studies, surveys, etc., that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss large diameter CASSLP pipe and/or factors affecting large diameter CASSLP pipe demand in the (1) United States, (2) each of the major producing/consuming countries, including those subject to these review, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data on an annual basis from 2000 to the present and forecasts of these demand data.
III-13.	Have any changes occurred in any factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of raw materials, energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of U.Sproduced large diameter CASSLP pipe in the U.S. market since 2000?
	No YesPlease note the time period(s) of any such changes, the factors(s) involved, and the impact such changes had on your shipment volumes and prices.
III-14.	Is buying a product that is produced in the United States an important factor in your firm's purchases of large diameter CASSLP pipe (please check ALL that apply)?
	YesPurchases of domestic product are required by law or regulation (for example, government purchases under "Buy American" provisions). This involves percent of all purchases of large diameter CASSLP pipe.
	YesPurchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves percent of all purchases of large diameter CASSLP pipe.
	YesPurchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves percent of all purchases of large diameter CASSLP pipe.
III-15.	(a) Is the carbon and alloy seamless standard, line, and pressure pipe market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to large diameter CASSLP pipe?
	No YesPlease explain and provide estimates of the duration of any such cycle.
	(b) Has the emergence of new markets for large diameter CASSLP pipe since 2000 affected the business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to large diameter CASSLP pipe?
	No YesPlease explain any such changes.

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued III-16. Who are your major competitors? III-17. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving large diameter CASSLP pipe based on the producer of the large diameter CASSLP pipe you purchase? Usually Sometimes Your firm: Always Usually Sometimes Always Your customers: If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the producer and why this information is important. Your firm: _____ Your customers: III-18. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving large diameter CASSLP pipe based on the country of origin of the large diameter CASSLP pipe you purchase? Usually Sometimes Always Your firm: Sometimes Never Usually Always Your customers: If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the source and why this information is important. Your firm: Your customers: III-19. (a) How frequently do you make purchases? Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually Other (specify) (b) Do you expect this purchasing pattern to change in the next two years? Yes--How and why do you expect these changes to occur?

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued III-20. How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase? III-21. (a) Do purchases of large diameter CASSLP pipe usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser? Yes--Please describe these negotiations. In your response, please comment No on whether purchasers generally quote competing prices as part of the negotiation process. (b) Does your firm tend to vary its purchases from a given supplier within a specified time period based on the price offered for that period? Yes--Specify the time period. No III-22. Have you changed suppliers since 2000? No Yes--Please list the supplier or suppliers and indicate whether the firm was added or dropped as a supplier. Also give the reasons for the change and how frequently you change suppliers. III-23. (a) Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since 2000? Yes--Please identify the firms and indicate how you become aware of them. (b) Do you expect new large diameter CASSLP pipe suppliers to enter the market in the future? Yes--Please provide details, noting the specific future time period in your response.

III-24.	Do you require your suppliers to become certified or prequalified with respect to the quality, chemistry, strength, or other performance characteristic of the large diameter CASSLP pipe they sell to your firm?
	No Yes—percent of purchases in 2004 Yes—all purchases
	Please provide a general description of the certification or qualification process and the time required.
III-25.	Briefly describe the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.) and estimate the time it takes to certify or qualify a new supplier.
III-26.	Since 2000, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their large diameter CASSLP pipe with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?
	No YesPlease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification process.

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-27. (a) For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for large diameter CASSLP pipe.

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Price			
Minimum qty requirements			
Packaging			
Product consistency	- 1		
Quality meets industry standard			
Quality exceeds industry stand	ards \square		
Product range			
Availability			
Technical support/service			
Approved supplier			
U.S. transportation costs			
Other (specify):			

III-27.	(b) Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase large diameter CASSLP pipe for any one order (examples include current availability, extension of credit, prearranged contracts, price, quality exceeding specifications or industry standards, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).
	1
	2
	3
	Other factors or comments:
III-28.	What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of large diameter CASSLP pipe?
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III-29.	How often does your firm purchase the large diameter CASSLP pipe that is offered at the lowest price?
	Always Usually Sometimes Never
III-30.	Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the large diameter CASSLP pipe market since 2000. A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. A price leader does not necessarily have to be the lowest priced supplier. For those firms identified as a price leader, please specify the time period in which a price change was communicated, whether the price change was upward or downward, and whether it covered a specific geographic region or a specific product type.
III-31.	Please describe how the above firm(s) exhibited price leadership.
III-32.	How frequently does the price of the large diameter CASSLP pipe you are purchasing change?
III-33.	Does your firm purchase large diameter CASSLP pipe over the internet? YesPlease describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total purchases of large diameter CASSLP pipe in 2004 accounted for by internet purchases.

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

- III-34. (a) As an attachment to this questionnaire, please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. large diameter CASSLP pipe industry since 2000 and explain fully, to the extent possible, the factor(s), including the orders under review, that was/(were) responsible for each improvement/change.
 - (b) Please also discuss fully, to the extent possible, any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. large diameter CASSLP pipe industry. Identify the specific future time period covered in your response, and discuss the factors that you believe would be responsible for each improvement/change.

III-35.	What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the antidumping duty order for imports of large diameter CASSLP pipe from Japan and/or Mexico? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the antidumping duty order on (1) the future activities of your firm and (2) the U.S. market as a whole. Please note the future time period to which you are referring. Attach additional pages if necessary.
	(1) Activities of your firm:
	(2) Entire U.S. market:
PART	IVCOMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.SPRODUCED CARBON AND ALLOY SEAMLESS STANDARD LINE AND PRESSURE PIPE
In resp pipe.	onse to the following questions, please indicate if your responses differ for <u>carbon</u> and <u>alloy</u>
IV-1.	Please indicate the countries of origin for large diameter CASSLP pipe for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.
	United States Japan Mexico
	Other countries (Please specify)

IV-2. Is large diameter CASSLP pipe produced in the United States and in other countries used interchangeably (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are *frequently* interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are *sometimes* interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are *never* interchangeable, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Country-pair	United States	Japan	Mexico	Other countries
United States				
Japan				
Mexico				

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¹ For any country-pair producing large diameter CASSLP pipe which is <i>sometimes or never</i> used interchangeably, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:					
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PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED CARBON AND ALLOY SEAMLESS STANDARD LINE AND PRESSURE PIPE--Continued

IV-3.	in particular over other possible sources of supply?
	YesPlease identify all relevant countries (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries) from which you or your customers prefer to order, and indicate why large diameter CASSLP pipe from these countries is preferred over product from other countries (please note the specific product in your response).
IV-4.	Are certain grades/types/sizes of large diameter CASSLP pipe available from only a single source (domestic or foreign, including both subject and nonsubject countries)? No YesPlease identify the source and the grade/type/size.
IV-5.	If you purchased large diameter CASSLP pipe from one source although a comparable product was available from another source at a lower price, please explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by country, including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Possibilities might include transaction characteristics such as length of time to fill orders, minimum order size, reliability of supply, etc.

PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED CARBON AND ALLOY SEAMLESS STANDARD LINE AND PRESSURE PIPE--Continued

IV-6. For the factors listed below, please rate how large diameter CASSLP pipe produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with large diameter CASSLP pipe produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Copy this page as necessary to cover all possible country combinations and please attach any comments you care to make concerning your responses, especially in comparisons where you rate product from one country superior or inferior to product from another.

compared to		
(specify country)	(specify country)	
SUPERIOR	COMPARABLE	INFERIOR
Availability		
Delivery terms		
Delivery time		
Discounts offered		
Extension of credit		
Price		
Minimum qty requirements		
Packaging		
Product consistency		
Quality meets industry standards		
Quality exceeds industry standards		
Product range		
Availability		
Technical support/service		
Approved supplier		
U.S. transportation costs		
Other (specify):		

PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED CARBON AND ALLOY SEAMLESS STANDARD LINE AND PRESSURE PIPE--Continued

IV-7.	(a) How often of specifications f	does domestically or your uses or y	y produced our custor	d large diam mers' uses?	eter (CASSLP pip	e meet	minimum quality
	Always	Usually		metimes		Rarely or n	ever	
		does imported lar						country meet
Japan		Always	Usu	ally \Box	Son	netimes	☐ Ra	arely or never
Mexico	,	Always	Usu	ally \Box	Son	netimes	□ Ra	arely or never
	(c) How often of specifications f	does imported no for your uses or y	onsubject l our custor	arge diamete mers' uses?	er CA	ASSLP pipe	meet mi	inimum quality
	Country	D A	Always	Usuall:	У	☐ Sometin	nes	Rarely or never
	Country	D A	Always	Usuall	у	☐ Sometin	nes	☐ Rarely or never
	Country	D	Always	Usuall	y	☐ Sometin	mes	Rarely or never
IV-8.	the price of U.S.	has there been a Sproduced large diameter CASSI	e diameter	CASSLP pi	ipe ch	anged more	CASSLF or less	P pipe? If so, has than the price of
	No change	in price						
	Prices have	changed by the	same amo	unt				
	Price of U.S diameter CASS	Sproduced large SLP pipe from Ja	e diameter pan	· CASSLP p	ipe h	as changed r	elative	to the price of large
	Price of U.S diameter CASS	Sproduced large SLP pipe from M	e diameter exico	· CASSLP p	ipe h	as changed r	elative	to the price of large
	large diameter	of U.Sproduced CASSLP pipe from the properties of the contraction of	om Japan (meter CASS or Mexico th	SLP p he pri	ipe has char ce of U.Sp	nged rel roduced	ative to the price of d large diameter
	(Higher	Lower) that	n product	from				
	(Higher	Lower) that	n product	from				

PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION

Please list the suppliers from which you have purchased large diameter CASSLP pipe since 2000 and approximate the percentage of your large diameter CASSLP pipe purchases each accounted for in 2004.

No.	Firm name	Percentage of purchases	No.	Firm name	Percentage of purchases
1			6		
2			7		
3			8		
4			9		
5			10		